

Serrano	Strickland	Velazquez
Shadegg	Stump	Vento
Shays	Stupak	Visclosky
Sherman	Tauscher	Vitter
Sherwood	Thompson (CA)	Wamp
Shimkus	Thompson (MS)	Waters
Shows	Thornberry	Watt (NC)
Skelton	Thune	Waxman
Slaughter	Thurman	Weiner
Smith (NJ)	Tiahrt	Wexler
Snyder	Tierney	Weygand
Souder	Towns	Whitfield
Spratt	Turner	Woolsey
Stabenow	Udall (CO)	Wu
Stark	Udall (NM)	Wynn
Stenholm	Upton	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—8

Berman	Lewis (CA)	Salmon
Bonilla	Minge	Thomas
Brown (CA)	Pascarell	

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Ms. SANCHEZ and Messrs. COSTELLO, HAYES, MOLLOHAN and SHADEGG changed their vote from "aye" to "no."

So the bill was not passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 244, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast a vote on final passage of H.R. 2122 because I had to catch the last available plane to Los Angeles to attend my daughter's graduation ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Pacific time. However, had I been present I would have voted "no."

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 1501, CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS ACT OF 1999

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 1501, the Clerk be authorized to make changes in the placement of the table of contents, combine duplicative sections, correct section numbers, punctuation and cross references and to make other such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the actions of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

TITLE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501, CONSEQUENCES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the amendment to the title of H.R. 1501 proposed in amendment No. 36 in Part A of House Report 106-186 is adopted.

There was no objection.

The text of the amendment to the title is as follows:

A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; to amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to provide quality prevention programs and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency; and for other purposes.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask for this 1 minute for the purpose of inquiring from the distinguished Majority Leader the schedule for today and next week.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to my friend from Texas.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce we have concluded legislative business for the week.

The House will not be in session on Monday, June 21.

The House will next meet on Tuesday, June 22, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Members should note that we expect recorded votes after 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22. On Tuesday we will consider a number of bills under suspension of the rules, and H.R. 659, the Patriotic Act, under an open rule.

On Wednesday, June 23, and the balance of the week the House will consider the following legislation, all of which will be subject to rules:

H.R. 2084, the Department of Transportation Appropriation Act;

H.R. 1658, Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform;

H.J. Res. 33, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Authorizing the Congress to Prohibit the Physical Desecration of the Flag of the United States; and

H.R. 1802, Foster Care and Dependents Act of 1999.

Mr. Speaker, we expect to conclude legislative business by 2 o'clock p.m. on Friday, June 25, and I thank the gentleman for having yielded me the time.

Mr. BONIOR. If I could ask the gentleman from Texas: Do we expect any late nights next week, any anticipated late evenings?

Mr. ARMEY. I thank the gentleman. We do have a fairly full legislative schedule, but it seems to me given that most of the work is considered under the rules and not very controversial we should not expect a flood of amendments, and we should be able to manage ourselves into relatively reasonable working hours.

Mr. BONIOR. I thank my colleague.

Let me ask him a further question and inquiry:

When are we going to take up campaign finance reform? I understand

that the Committee on House Administration is going to have a series of hearings, and I would just implore my friend from Texas and my colleagues on this side of the aisle in the majority that the time has come for us to have this bill on the floor where we can have an open debate on an issue in which we debated for weeks and weeks and months on end in the last Congress. I think the country is ready, we are tired of waiting, and I hope the gentleman can give us some indication of when that bill will be before this body.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, let me again remind the gentleman the summers belong to the appropriations process. The Speaker and the leadership have correctly, I think, in terms of the management of the year's flow of business placed that priority on the process, and yet the Speaker has given assurance, and I would second the assurances that he has given, that we should be able to address this matter of campaign finance reform on the floor before the end of September.

Mr. BONIOR. Before the end of September.

Mr. Speaker, I regret hearing that once again. I understand that was the Speaker's assurance and the gentleman's assurance, but that seems awfully late in terms of making sure that we have something that can change the law of this country to clean up our campaign finance.

I yield for a comment to my friend and leader on this issue, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER).

Mr. HOYER. I thank the distinguished whip for yielding, and I will say to my friend, the Majority Leader, I quoted him yesterday in hearings that we had in the Committee on House Administration saying that he hoped initially that this would be on the floor in July, campaign finance reform. I also quoted the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. WAMP), who indicated that if we delayed until September he was fearful that it would kill campaign finance reform.

As the distinguished Majority Leader knows, we had over 50 hours of debate on the Shays-Meehan bill last Congress and we had 252 Members vote in favor of passing that bill, and frankly with all due respect the hearing that we had yesterday, three good Members of Congress, the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCHREST) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. SABO), came and testified, but very frankly, Mr. Leader, they testified on bills they have had in it for at least two congresses. Very little change in their testimony. They indicated to me it was essentially no different than it was before. So I fear that the hearings will simply delay us and will be a device to kill rather than pass campaign finance reform.

I would hope that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) would consult

with his leadership and see if we could accelerate that so we could bring Shays-Meehan to the floor as quickly as possible, and I thank the distinguished gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR) for yielding, and I thank the leader for his consideration of that request.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I just have one other request, and I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR) for a comment.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I just have a question for those of us traveling from the West Coast. Is there any possibility that those votes on Tuesday could be rolled until 5 o'clock? If we leave the West Coast first thing early Tuesday morning, the first plane gets in 4 p.m., and we can be on the floor by 5:00. It would be very helpful.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his request, and I do understand how important and sensitive that is.

Ordinarily, especially on a Monday, we would almost assuredly give Members a 6 o'clock vote time. We do have again an opportunity to have an orderly week's business, but to begin, being a Tuesday beginning, I just at this point am not comfortable. Should we see a modification in the schedule, we would put out over the whip notice, but I just do not believe we can get there now.

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Mr. FARR of California. So the gentleman does not think the votes could be rolled?

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, we always look for these opportunities to the best of our ability, but we need to get more quickly than in many weeks to considerations of legislation under rules, and therefore we just simply cannot make that Tuesday accommodation that is so usual and, I think, so necessary and desirable. But we will continue to keep the needs of Members in our planning priorities.

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1999

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 1999 for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business

in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHRISTOPHER

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my proud opportunity today to advise the House that my first grandson, Christopher Irving Arme; as we like to know him, "CIA," will be 2 years old tomorrow, and I am going to spend the whole day on that.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain 1-minute speeches.

NORTH AMERICAN SLAVERY MEMORIAL COUNCIL ACT

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I believe that a quote by Papa Dallas Stewart, a former slave, captures the essence of the bill that I have introduced today when he said, "Promise me that you are going to tell all the children my story."

As a child, Stewart had his eyes burned out when an overseer caught him studying the alphabet. He spent his life encouraging others to never forget about the horrors of slavery. He understood that we must share the painful past in order to protect our future.

Today, I introduce the North American Slavery Memorial, which is patterned after the Holocaust Museum and pays tribute to those who suffered and perished under slavery in North America. This bill will ensure that future generations grasp the injustice that occurred in North America's past so that we may never repeat it.

For the sake of Papa Stewart and countless others, we must never forget the past. I encourage my colleagues to join the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. LEWIS) and myself in cosponsoring the North American Slavery Museum bill.

WAKE UP, AMERICA

(Mr. FARR of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to ask America to wake up.

Watch what is going on here on the floor of Congress. America has seen that we cannot pass effective gun reform in this Congress because we are wedded to the NRA.

Well, I want you to do something about it. I want you to wake up your mayors, city councils, county supervisors, wake up your school boards, wake up your State legislators, because they can do what we cannot do. They can pass laws regulating gun business.

Mr. Speaker, 67 cities and dozens of counties in California have adopted 183 local firearm regulations, local firearm regulations. The State legislature has passed every single law that Congress has rejected. California regulates guns; other counties, cities and school districts regulate, and so can yours. So local governments can do what Congress has refused to do.

Wake up, America. Get all of the politicians involved in this. Take this issue home, and give it to your local legislators and make those laws in your own city.

BIPARTISANSHIP FOR MAINTAINING FISCAL DISCIPLINE

(Mr. WICKER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago there were reports that Jack Lew, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, intended to slam Republicans for making unrealistic cuts in spending programs. But these same reports also stated that Mr. Lew would insist that the GOP resist the temptation to raise the budget caps.

An administration official said, the message is to the GOP, it is your budget, live with it. Our budget? Mr. Speaker, the 1997 Balanced Budget Act was passed by a bipartisan majority in both House and Senate and signed by the Democratic President of the United States. The problem is that while the minority leadership and the White House are talking fiscal restraint, many of their Democratic colleagues are pushing for spending well above the approved levels. The leaders and their rank and file and the OMB should get on the same page on this issue. There is time to deliberate and craft spending bills to maintain the fiscal discipline which has produced our budget surplus, but only if it is done on a bipartisan basis.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Democratic colleagues to join us in the pursuit of this goal.

BRING TERRORISTS TO JUSTICE

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, on my behalf and on behalf of my colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr.